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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 11, 2000

APPLICATION OF

CENTRAL WATER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE990593

For a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a water utility

FINAL ORDER

Under cover of a letter dated August 19, 1999, the VicePresident of Central Water Company, Inc. ("Central" or

"Company") submitted an application and several exhibits to Marc

Tufaro of the Commission's Division of Energy Regulation

requesting the issuance of a certificate of public convenience

and necessity to operate a water utility. Mr. Tufaro caused the

application to be filed with the Clerk of the Commission.

Central serves or proposes to serve 450 to 750 customers in the

Amsterdam District of Botetourt County, Virginia.

By Order dated October 12, 1999, and pursuant to our authority under Chapter 10.1 of Title 56 and under § 56-247 of the Code of Virginia, we directed our Staff to conduct an investigation of the application and to submit its findings in a report to be filed with the Commission. The Order also directed the Company to give notice of its application to its customers

and to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Botetourt

County. The Commission received no requests for hearing on this

matter.

On January 14, 2000, the Commission Staff filed the report of its investigation. The report found that the Company's proposed rates were not excessive. The report also recommended a change in one of the Company's proposed tariffs and that the Company make certain changes in its books of account.

On January 28, 2000, Central's Vice President, Stephen C.
Rossi, submitted a letter agreeing to implement all
recommendations contained in the Staff report.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the application, the Staff report, Mr. Rossi's letter, and the applicable statutes and rules, is of the opinion that the Staff's recommendations are reasonable and should be adopted. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The recommendations contained in the January 14, 2000, Staff report are adopted.
- (2) Central Water Company is hereby granted Certificate
 No. W-298 to provide water service.
- (3) The Company's proposed rates, rules and regulations, as modified by the Staff recommendations, are approved.
- (4) The Company shall comply with the accounting recommendations set out in the Staff report and adopted herein,

and shall demonstrate to the Director of the Division of Public Utility Accounting that it has so complied within six months of the date of this Order.

(5) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this matter is dismissed.